



Customized PTO/SB/30 (04-09)

**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE) Transmittal**

Mail Stop RCE

Application #	10/580,048
Filing Date	May 19, 2006
First Inventor	TAKAHASHI
Art Unit	3744
Examiner	Teresa J. Walberg
Docket #	KOBE.0093

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-noted application.*RCE practice does not apply to any utility application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.
Prosecution must be closed.***Submission required
under 37 CFR § 1.114***Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise (with a separate request for non-entry).*☒ **Previously submitted.** *If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered by the PTO as a submission even if the box for the following line is not checked.*

- ☒ Consider the arguments in the Response/Amendment previously filed on December 1, 2009.
☐ Other:

☐ **Enclosed**

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment/Response to Office Action
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration
☐ Information Disclosure Citation
☐ Other: ___-month extension of time

Miscellaneous

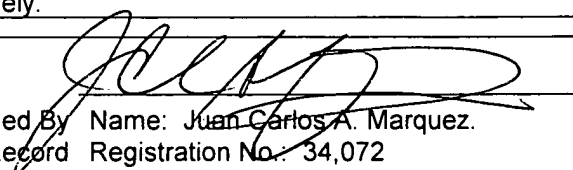
- ☐ **Suspension of action** on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (*Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required*)
☐ Other:

FEES calculated below (after reduction for an amendment if noted above).

	NOW	Basic/Previous Number	Present Extra	Rate	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> TOTAL CLAIMS	26	26		X \$ 52 =	
<input type="checkbox"/> INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	3		X \$ 220 =	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)				\$ 810 =	810
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =					810
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by ½ for small entity status of applicant					-
SUBTOTAL =					
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee 1-month				+ \$ =	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other fee for				+ \$ =	
TOTAL OF ALL FEES =					810

- ☒ Payment of **\$810** is made by: ☒ **CREDIT CARD** (Form PTO-2038 is enclosed).
☐ **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER** submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Director is authorized to charge any fee, additional fee or extension fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555:
- (1) if no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith; or
 - (2) if no petition for extension of time is enclosed but an EOT is required - and in this event, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Date: December 22, 2009

Signed By: 
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